

# **Library Levy Implementation and Strategic Priorities**

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

Seattle City Council

Libraries, Utilities and Center Committee

- August 2012
- 63% of Seattleites voted for the Library levy





The Seattle Public Library

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# LIBRARY CLOSED

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## Aug. 27–Sept. 3

Due to budget cuts

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<p><i>Limited access to the catalog and online resources will be available. Go to <a href="http://www.spl.org">www.spl.org</a></i></p>	<p><b>The book drop at this branch closes at 5 p.m. Aug. 25 and reopens at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 4</b></p>
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- Do not leave Library books and materials outside the building during the closure. You will be responsible for theft, loss or damage to Library materials.
- No items will be due and no fines charged or accrued during the closed week.
- If you have book donations, please call the Friends Book Sale Office at 206-523-4053 or e-mail [book.sale@spl.org](mailto:book.sale@spl.org).

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**Libraries will resume regular hours on Tuesday, Sept. 4**

Branch Sunday: Closed

## 4 Levy Components:

- Keep libraries open when patrons need them
- Provide a robust collection of books and materials
- Improve computer and online services
- Maintain buildings for the next generation

# Projected Library Levy Sources and Uses

Sources and Uses (\$000s)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Levy-related Property Tax Revenues*	16,830	16,998	17,168	17,340	17,513	17,688	17,865
Projected Levy Spending							
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Enhanced Technology	1,956	1,234	1,194	1,221	2,139	1,409	1,439
Enhanced Facilities	1,310	1,362	1,417	1,473	1,532	1,594	1,657
Additional CIP	1,896	2,169	2,473	2,621	2,219	2,485	1,302
Levy Administration/Contingency	330	343	356	371	386	401	417
Projected Levy Spending Total	15,788	15,787	16,645	17,438	18,597	18,802	18,345
Annual Revenue Surplus/(Deficit)	1,042	1,211	523	(98)	(1,084)	(1,114)	(480)
Fund Balance	1,042	2,253	2,775	2,677	1,593	480	0

\* Assumes 1% annual growth and 1% under-collection



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**STARTING 2013**



Every branch  
**EVERY SUNDAY**  
Open 1 p.m - 5 p.m.

 **INVESTING IN  
EXPERIENCES**  
Thank you for supporting the 2013 library year!

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## **Branches with new Sunday hours:**

Visits up 4%

## **Branches with new Friday and Sunday hours:**

Visits up 27%

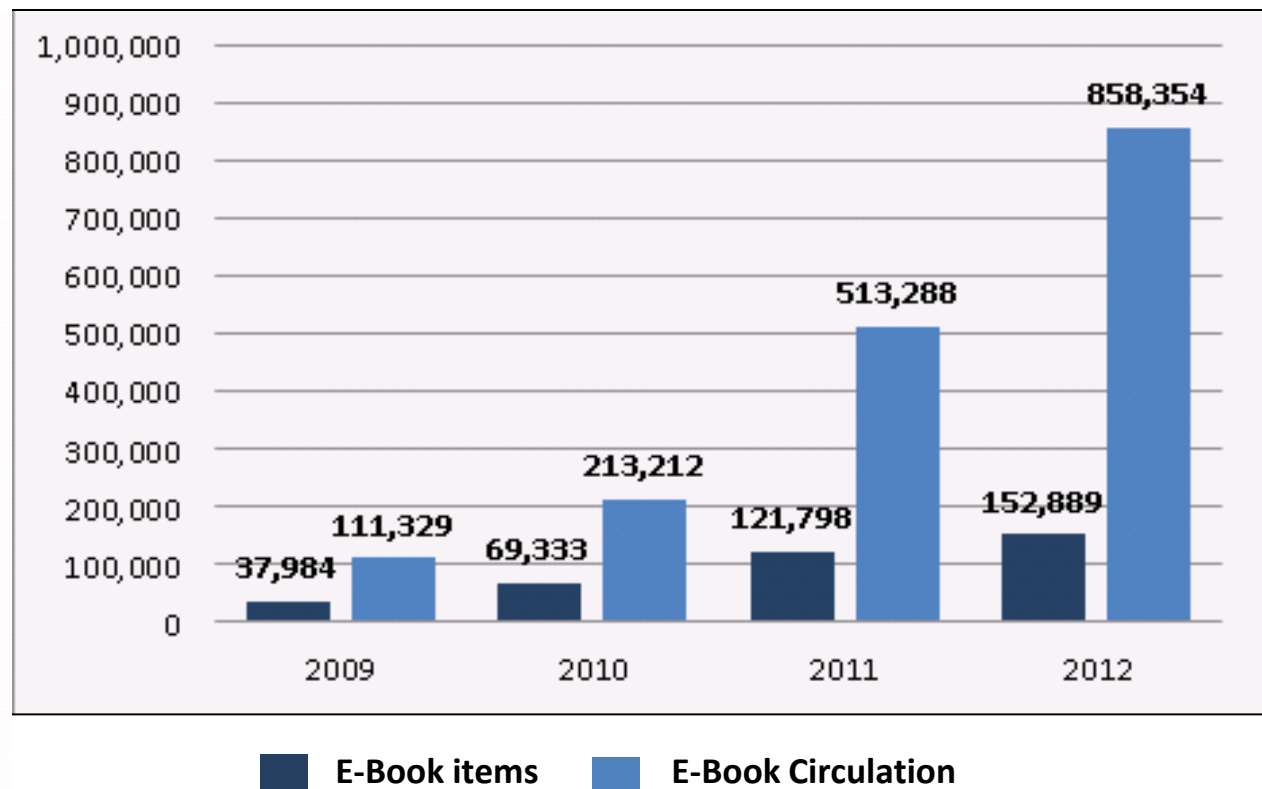


# First quarter improvements to the collection

- Successfully achieved a holds to copy ratio for popular materials at 5:1, reducing wait times for the most in demand content
- 11,135 new e-books and e-audio titles added to the digital library
- Added 2,059 new print titles (7,206 copies)



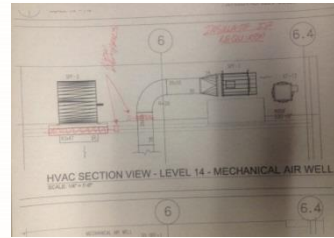
## E-Book Holdings & Circulation 2009-2012



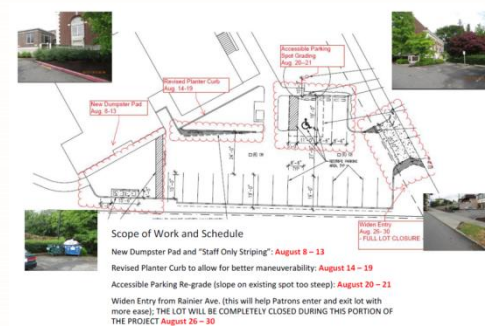




## Add control louvers to elevator/stairwell air pressures at Central Library



## Improve parking at Southwest and Columbia branches



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# Strategic Service Priorities

- Youth and early learning
- Technology and access
- Community programming, outreach and engagement
- Seattle culture and history
- Re-imagined spaces

# Youth and early learning









# Technology and access

Lift computer software  
restrictions

Install digital media  
workstations



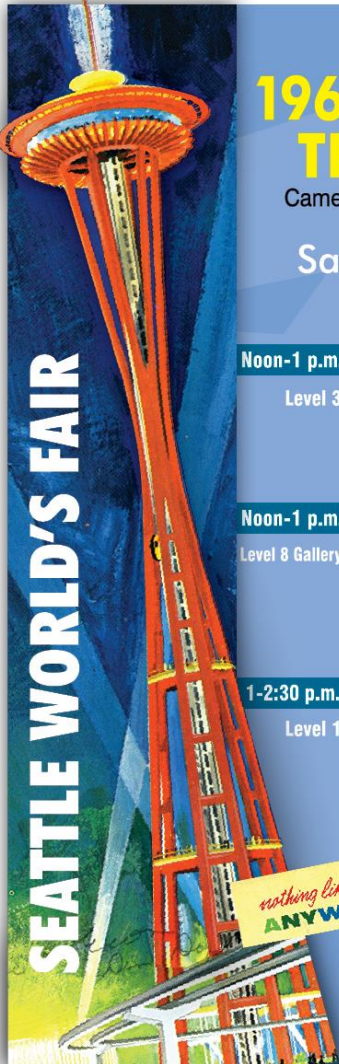
# Community engagement







# Seattle culture and history



## 1962: THE YEAR THE WORLD

Came to Seattle to **See the Future**

Saturday, Nov. 19

**Noon-1 p.m. Digital Collection**  
Level 3 Librarian Bo Kinney showcases the Library's digital collection of photographs and documents from the 1962 Seattle World's Fair.

**Noon-1 p.m. Exhibit**  
Level 8 Gallery "Space Ages: A History of the Century 21 Exposition Grounds"- Managing Librarian Jodee Fenton answers questions about this new exhibit on the Seattle Center's early history.

**1-2:30 p.m. Author Lecture**  
Level 1 Paula Becker and Alan Stein present an illustrated lecture of their book "The Future Remembered: The 1962 Seattle World's Fair and its Legacy."

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**next 50**  
years 1950-2050

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# Re-Imagined Spaces

## Northeast Branch







“There is nothing more important than listening to our patrons and delivering on our promises.”

-Marcellus Turner, city librarian  
Proposed 2012 Library Levy



# Community Conversations this fall



# Questions?